(c) The Government are in full agreement with the recommendations of the WHO in regard to preventive medicine and have also adopted the Alma Ata declaration of Health for All by 2000 A.D.

Poor condition of ambulances in AIIMS

386. SHRI KRISHNA KUMAR BIRLA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that all the five ambulances of the AIIMS for shifting Frontier Gandhi Khan Abdul Ghaffar Khan were rejected because of absence of air conditioning system therein and the poor condition of the vehicles;

(b) whether Government have made any inquiry with regard to the poor maintenance of the ambulances kept by the AIIMS as also by other hospitals in Delhi; and

(c) if so, what is the outcome thereof stating the steps taken by the Government to affect improvements in the matter?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (KUMARI SAROJ KHAPARDE): (a) to (c) None of the ambulances available at the All India Institute of Medical Sciences, New Delhi has the facility of air conditionnig. All the ambulances kept by the All India Institute of Medical Sciences, New Delhi as also other hospitals in Delhi are well maintained.

Sinking of Shipping Corporation of India vessel Avamiti'

387. SHRI SHANTI TYAGI: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a vessel of the Shipping Corporation of India "Avamiti' has sunk in the Arabian Sea on July 8, 1987;

(b) if so, what is the number of the crew members who are missing;

(c) whether any inquiry has been set up; and

(d) if so, what are the findings of the inquiry committee?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI RAJESH PILOT): (a) The vessel MV 'Avamiti' sant in the Arabian Sea on 8-7-1987. The vessel was owned by M|s. Dura Steam Ship Ltd., Bombay and, not by Shipping Corporation of India.

(b) Out of a total of 23 crew members 4 reached ashore safely, 5 bodies were located along the coast and 14 crew members are missing.

(c) and (d) A formal investigation under section 360 of the Merchant Shipping Act, 1958 has been ordered by Director General of Shipping The investigation will be conducted by Additional Chief Metropolitan Magistrate, Bombay.

Zero population growth in the country

388. SHRI V. NARAYANASAMY: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have planned to have zero population growth in the country; and

(b) if so, what are the plans of action drawn by Government to have population control in the coming 20 years?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (KUMARI SAROJ KHAPARDE): (a) and (b) The National Health Policy has laid down the long-term goal of achieving Net Reproduction Rate of Unity by 2000 A.D. with a birth rate of 21, death rate of 9, infant mortality rate below 60 per thousand live births and Effective Couple Protection Rate of 60 per cent. Demographers estimate that the achievement of zero growth rate would take about 40 years after achieving Net Reproduction Rate of Unity. Main features of the strategy to control the population and to achieve the long term goals

are: increasing demand for contraception through improved communication approaches; expanding and improving the quality of outreach services; promoting greater community participation; intensifying population education; enhancing child survival rates; and, reorganising programme structure and improving its management.

Finalisation of the National Youth Policy

389. SHRI V. NARAYANASAMY: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have finalised the National Youth Policy;

(b) whether more emphasis is given for solving unemployment problem by the introduction of the National Youth Policy; and

(c) what are the co-ordinating agencies to implement this policy?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS AND WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI MARGARET ALVA): (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

Reorganisation of Nehru Yuwa Kendras

390. SHRI KAILASH PATI MISHRA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to a report published in Nav Bharat Times dated June 29, 1987 to the effect that since April 1, 1987, the two hundred and odd 'Nehru Yuva Kendra' Centres have been denationalised and Government servants working there were being reverted to their parent departments with due consideration for their seniority and other benefits.

(b) what was the yearly expenditure being incurred thereon and what is one Government's role in financial and other administrative measures of the newly formed 'Nehru Yuva Kendra Sangathan' and

(c) whether it is a fact that widespread resentment in the 'Sangathan' now prevails because experienced persons are being pushed out and if so, what is Government's reaction thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS AND WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI MARGARET ALVA): (a) An autonomous Organisation named Nehru Yuva Kendra Sangathan has been established by the Government to administer the scheme of Nehru Yuva Kendras. 147 existing Nehru Yuva Kendras have already been placed at its disposal, and the remaining will also be transferred to it in a phased manner. Orders repatriating 33 deputationist Youth Coordinators to their respective parent departments have been issued.

(b) The Annual Budget of each Nehru Yuva Kendra including establishment as well as programme expenditure is at present Rs. 2.00 lakhs. The Nehru Yuva Kendra Sangathan has been set up by the Government. The Minister in-charge of Youth Affairs and Sports is the Chairperson of its Board of Governors, and it will be fully funded by the Government to meet the deficit basis.

(c) The matter is sub-judice.

Direct railway train between Kohlapur to Jammu Tawi

391. SHRI DINKARRAO GOVINDRAO PATIL: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that a large number of men of defence services and para military personnel belonging to Kolhapur in Maharashtra are put to a lot of trouble when they have to travel to Jammu and Kashmir for official duties in the absence of a direct train;